

**State of Illinois  
SeniorCare Program**

**Medicaid Section 1115 Demonstration Project**

**Quarterly Progress Report**

**January 2003 – March 2003**

## **ILLINOIS SENIORCARE PROGRAM QUARTERLY REPORT JANUARY 2003 – MARCH 2003 QUARTER**

### **EVENTS**

#### Enrollment:

Effective January 2003, 152,782 participants were active in the SeniorCare program, 148,691 in the prescription coverage option and 4,091 in the rebate option.

#### Drug Claim Expenditures:

Expenditures for drug claims were \$53.5 million from January through March 2003.

#### Prior Authorizations:

Billings for prior authorization reviews during the third quarter of state fiscal year 2003 were as follows:

January 2003	665 prior authorization reviews; 564 (84.8%) approved
February 2003	1,355 prior authorization reviews; 1,199 (88.5%) approved
March 2003	785 prior authorization reviews; 678 (86.4%) approved

### **ACCOMPLISHMENTS/PROBLEMS/ISSUES**

Applications for re-enrollment were sent to all enrollees in January. The redesigned application was created to show some distinctions between the Circuit Breaker and SeniorCare programs. A single application is still used so that seniors do not have to attempt to determine which program they qualify for. Discussions were held with immigrant advocacy groups about the need for a flyer that more clearly addressed the concerns of the immigrant community about the differing eligibility standards relating to immigration status of the two programs. Such a flyer was developed and distributed. A copy is attached.